Import of Silk Fabrics

1413 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duty free imports of Silk fabrics are permitted;

(b) if so, the total value, separately by Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras Port Offices and number of im-port licences granted during 1st April, 1991 to 31st March, 1993; and

(c) what steps are taken so that fabrics are not misuesed or diverted to dornes'ic consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CTVTL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The EXIM Policy, 1992—97 permits import of silk fabrics for export purposes under the Duty Exemption Scheme contained in Chapter-VII of the Policy Book.

(b) The information is contained in the Statement. (See below)

(c) The EXIM POLICY (Para-67) permits transfer/sale of imported material including fabrics under the Duty Exemption Scheme after exporter has fulfilled the exiport obligations. Neces-sary measures are under consideration *to* prevent misuse of the aforementioned facility.

Statement

Period	Name of Port	No. of Licence	CRF Value (in Rs.)
April' 9/ to March' 92	Bombay	5	2,51,07,486
	Calcutta	4	11,18,714
	Madras	Nil	Nil
	Delhi	24	4,35,66,296
	Bangalore	Nil	Nil
April' 9/ to March' 93	Bombay	9	4,20,09,801
	Calcutta	4	51,33,000
	Madras	Nil	Nil
	Delhi	64	8,86,59,730
	Bangalore	Nil	Nil

Output of Leather Industry in the country

1.414. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated output of leather industry in the country as on doate and the approximate number of people employed in it;